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Examiner

Scott B. Geyer

Applicant(s)

PENDSE, RAJENDRA

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an interview between the applicant's representative and the examiner of record.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4 and 12-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 May 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 0803
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 0404.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The reference cited within the IDS received on 8-19-03 as been considered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. The pending claims in the instant application have been amended to more clearly define the applicant's invention, and to define over the newly cited references noted below in paragraph 4.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Bill Kennedy on April 1, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

2A. Change the title to the following:

-- PROCESS FOR PRECISE ENCAPSULATION OF FLIP CHIP
INTERCONNECTS --

2B. Cancel claims 5, 6 and 7.

2C. Replace the previous version of pending claims 1, 3, 4 and 12-17 with the following:

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Claim 1: A method for encapsulating flip chip interconnects, comprising applying a limited quantity of encapsulating resin to at least interconnect bumps on an interconnect side of a singulated integrated circuit chip, wherein the step of applying resin to the chip comprises providing a reservoir having a bottom and sides, providing a pool of resin in the reservoir to a depth not greater than a bump standoff height, dipping the bumps on the interconnect side of the chip in the resin pool so that bumps on the chip contact the reservoir bottom, and then withdrawing the chip from the resin pool; and thereafter bringing the chip together with a substrate under conditions that result in displacement of encapsulant from between the bumps on the interconnect side of the chip and respective bonding pads on the substrate, and that promote the bonding of bumps with the respective pads.

Claim 3: The method of claim 1 wherein the resin pool depth approximates the bump standoff height.

Claim 4: The method of claim 1 wherein the resin pool depth is less than the bump standoff height.

Claim 12: A method for encapsulating flip chip interconnects, comprising applying a limited quantity of encapsulating resin to the interconnect side of an integrated circuit chip by providing a pool of resin in a reservoir having a bottom and sides, the resin pool having a depth over the reservoir bottom not greater than about a bump standoff height, dipping the interconnect side of the chip in the pool of resin so that bumps on the chip contact the reservoir bottom and then withdrawing the chip from the resin pool; and thereafter bringing the chip together with a substrate under conditions that promote the bonding of bumps on the interconnect side of the chip with bonding pads on the substrate.

Claim 13: The method of claim 12 wherein the resin pool depth approximates a bump standoff height, so that the surface of the resin pool contacts a surface of the chip, so that as the chip is withdrawn from the resin pool some quantity of resin may remain on the chip surface as well as on features that standoff from the chip surface.

Claim 14: The method of claim 12 wherein the resin pool depth is less than the bump standoff height, so that the chip surface does not contact the resin pool, with the result that when the chip is withdrawn from the resin pool some quantity of resin remains only on features that standoff from the chip surface.

Claim 15: A method for encapsulating flip chip interconnects, comprising applying a limited quantity of encapsulating resin to the interconnect side of an integrated circuit chip by providing a reservoir having a bottom and sides, the sides defining a reservoir depth not greater than about a bump standoff height, providing a pool of resin in the reservoir, dipping the chip into the resin pool so that bumps on the chip contact the reservoir bottom, and then withdrawing the chip from the resin pool; and thereafter bringing the chip together with a substrate under conditions that promote the bonding of bumps on the interconnect side of the chip with bonding pads on the substrate.

Claim 16: The method of claim 15 wherein the reservoir depth approximates the bump standoff height.

Claim 17: The method of claim 15 wherein the reservoir depth is less than the standoff height.

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Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 12-17 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The prior art of record and to the examiner's knowledge does not teach or render obvious, at least to the skilled artisan, the instant invention regarding a method of encapsulating flip chip interconnects wherein the flip chip[is dipped into a reservoir of resin, the reservoir of resin having a bottom and sides, such that the flip chip interconnects touch the bottom of the reservoir, and thereafter withdrawing the chip from the resin pool and attaching the chip to a substrate as recited in independent claims 1, 12 or 15.

4. The following references are cited as being related to the applicant's invention: Jiang et al. (6,576,495 B1) teach a method of encapsulating flip chip bumps by dipping a chip with bumps into a pool of resin. However, the depth of the pool of resin, as clearly seen by figure 3A, is much deeper than the bump stand-off height, and the chip bumps do not touch the bottom of the resin pool as recited by the applicant's independent claims. Nakajyo et al. (6,420,213 B1) teach a method of encapsulating flip chip bumps by dipping the chip bumps into a glob of resin that is deposited upon a plate. However, Nakajyo et al. do not teach a pool of resin wherein the pool is a reservoir having a bottom and sides.

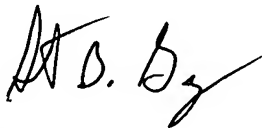
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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott B. Geyer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1958. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays, between 10:00am - 6:30pm. E-Mail: scott.geyer@uspto.gov

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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